If God Is So Good, Then Why Does My Life Hurt So Bad?

How To Regain Your Divine Perspective *(Part 2)*

Psalm 73:1-28

Remember, the Bible defines God's goodness in two ways**:** One has to do with ***His nature*** and the other has to do with ***His actions****.* ***(Psalm 119:68)***

"God's goodness is who God is, and it is expressed in what God does."

Painful events in our lives often leave us confused, perplexed, and even angry with God for ***why*** He would let those things happen to us.

And yet, that is a normal ***human*** response to the unknown plans of an infinitely perfect, ***sovereign*** God.

I. The ***Complaint*** That He Had *(vv 1-2)*

What Asaph was really saying was that God might be good to other people, but He is certainly not good to ***me****!*

II. The ***Comparison*** That He Made *(vv 3-15)*

Because Asaph had his eyes fixed on the wrong ***things****,* he drew the wrong ***conclusions****.*

III. The That He Experienced

vv 16-17 - *"But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end."*

This was perhaps the first time in Asaph's life that what he _____ about God had actually been put to the _____.

The bottom line is that Asaph didn't know what to believe anymore, that was _____ he entered the sanctuary of God.

The Hebrew word that is translated ***"sanctuary"*** is a word that actually means "sacred place, or _____ place."

While Asaph was in the presence of God two things took place**:*** **1)*** A much needed change took place in his _____, and ***2)*** A dramatic shift took place in his _____.

vv 18-20*;* Proverbs 14:12-13

One of the benefits and blessings of spending time in the presence of God and in His Word is that He opens our eyes so that we can see things as they _____ _____. ***(Psalm 42:5-6)***

IV. The _____ That He Drew *(vv 21-28)*

Asaph's time in God's presence gave him insight into two things**:** ***1)*** It gave him insight into the destiny of the _____, and ***2)*** It gave him new insight into his own _____.

Inevitably, those standards do two things**:** ***1)*** They minimize the significance of the _____***,*** and ***2)*** They emphasize the impulsiveness of the _____.

When we live according to the impulses of our fallen nature, we also change the _____ by which we measure the goodness of God in our lives.

- ***He talked about the blessing of God's _____*** *(v 23a)*
- ***He talked about the blessing of God's _____*** *(v 24a)*
- ***He talked about the blessing of God's _____*** *(v 24b)*
- ***He talked about the blessing of God's _____*** *(v 25)*
- ***He talked about the blessing of God's _____*** *(v 26)*
- ***He talked about the blessing of God's _____*** *(v 26c)*
- ***He talked about the blessing of God's _____*** *(vv 27-28)*

Conclusion:

Psalm 73 teaches some very valuable lessons:

It teaches us to walk by _____ and not by _____.

It teaches us that God's Word is true _____ _____ what our circumstances might look like.

It teaches us that we desperately need to spend time in the _____ of God!

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